1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íł-ítxw (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷik̓w̓il̓ təm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology .............................................. Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies ........................................ Evan McFee
Bachelor of Environment .................................................... Aarathi Srinivasan
Behavioral Neuroscience .................................................... Nicolas Bonilla
Biology .............................................................................. Kashish Mehta
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ..................................... Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Business ............................................................................... 
Chemistry ............................................................................. Gwen Bui
Cognitive Science ............................................................... Joanna Cheong
Communications .................................................................. Ashran Bharosha
Computing Science .............................................................. Ryan Vansickle
Criminology .......................................................................... 
Dance .....................................................................................
Data Science Student Union .................................................... Warren Ho Kin
Earth Science ........................................................................
Economics ............................................................................ Sandra Pal
Education ............................................................................. Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science ............................................................. Sarah Raisuddin
English ................................................................................ Liz Giardin
Environmental Resource ........................................................ 
Environmental Science ............................................................ Chloé Homenuke
Film Student Union ............................................................... Amelia Simard
French .................................................................................. Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies (Vice Chair) ............. Devynn Butterworth
Geography ............................................................................. Monikka Tayag
Gerontology Student Union .................................................... 
Global Asia Studies Student Union ........................................ Eunice Kwok
Health Science ...................................................................... Jocelle Refol
History .................................................................................... Alan Saunderson
Humanities ............................................................................
Indigenous Studies Student Union (ISSU) ................................ Esthephanie Henriquez
Interactive Arts and Technology ........................................... Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association (ISSA) ....................... Deanna Short
Labour Studies ........................................................................ Justin Chen
Linguistics ................................................................................
Mathematics ............................................................................. Nosa Efemwonkieke
Mechatronics System Engineering ......................................... Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry (MBB) ................................ Avneet Kaur
Music Student Union ................................................................
Operations Research .............................................................. Ashutosh Dubal
Philosophy ............................................................................... Tony Yu
Physics ..................................................................................... Graham Rich
Political Science ...................................................................... Helen Pahou
Psychology ................................................................................ Tiffany Liu
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) ....................................... Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) ............................... Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology .................................................... Kayla Chow
Software Systems ......................................................................
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) ................................... Stephanie Chung
Sustainable Community Development ......................................
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .................... Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union ........................................................... Samantha Walters
Visual Arts ................................................................................
World Literature ....................................................................... Sara Aristizabal Castaneda

Constituency Group Representatives
Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) ...........................
First Nations Students Association (FNSA) .............................. Keianna James
International Student Advocates ............................................ Fizza Parsayan
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .............................................
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) ................ Linda Kanyamuna
Women Centre Collective (WCC) .......................................... Nisha Manhas

Affiliated Student Groups
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) ........................................
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) .......................... Paul Ursu

SFSS Executive Committee
President (Chair) ................................................................. Gabe Liosis
VP Internal and Organizational Development ....................... Corbett Gildersleve
VP Finance and Services ..................................................... Almas Phangura
VP University and Academic Affairs ................................ Serena Bains
VP External and Community Affairs ..................................... Matthew Provost
VP Equity and Sustainability .............................................. Marie Haddad
VP Events and Student Affairs ............................................ Jess Dela Cruz

3.2 Society Staff
Operations Organizer .......................................................... Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer ..................................................................... Emmanuella Droko
Administrative Assistant ........................................................
3.3 Council Alternates
English.........................................................................................................................
International Student Advocates (Communication Coordinator).................. Kirtana Menon

3.4 Regrets
English......................................................................................................................... Liz Giardin
International Student Advocates ................................................................. Fizza Parsayan

4. CONSENT AGENDA
4.1 CONSENT AGENDA
Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.
CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED

4.1.1. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:01
SUBMITTED BY: GSWS Councillor “Devynn Butterworth”
Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Devynn Butterworth (travelling).

4.1.2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:02
Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:
- EXEC 2021-06-22
- EVENTS 2021-04-21
- UAA 2021-04-16
- UAA 2021-06-25

4.1.3. MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:03
SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”
Whereas the 2021-2022 External & Community Affairs Committee opened up applications for at-large members,
Be it resolved to appoint Fizza Parsayan, and Quynh Chi Bui as at-large members to the 2021-2022 Community and External Affairs

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:04
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Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES
6.1 Report from Executive Committee
SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

6.2 Report from the Student Union Building (SUB) Opening Working Group
7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Student Union Building Opening Date-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:05
SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”
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Whereas, the Student Union Building construction has completed.
Whereas, the Student Union Building has been closed for the past year to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with SFSS staff and Executives using the building for essential operational tasks only.
Whereas, with undergraduate students returning to in-person instruction in September 2021, the SFSS has begun its Student Union Building Opening Planning via the SUB Opening Plan Working Group.
Whereas, the SUB Opening Plan Working Group has recommended to Council that the Student Union Building opening date be established as August 23rd, 2021.
Be it resolved that Council set the opening date of the Student Union Building as August 23rd, 2021, and that the building be open to the public to access during regular operating hours, while offering hybrid (in-person and virtual) services.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.2 SFSS Supports In-Person Events-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:06
SUBMITTED BY: VP Events and Student Affairs “Jess Dela Cruz”
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Whereas, the SFSS has not been allowing in-person events by clubs, student unions, and constituency groups to occur during the COVID-19 pandemic;
Whereas, Provincial Public Health Orders released on July 1st, 2021 have drastically changed what indoor and outdoor gatherings may look like;
Whereas, because of these changes in Public Health Orders, the SFSS may now begin to consider allowing limited in-person events to occur;
Be it resolved that Council supports Clubs, Student Unions, and Constituency Groups hosting in-person events in alignment with Public Health Orders;
Be it further resolved that Council tasks the Executive Committee, alongside Member Services Coordinators, to create and approve In-Person Event Guidelines for events held outdoors or at indoor venues external to SFSS, until the Student Union Building officially opens to the public.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.3 Staff Training Line Item Increase-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:07
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”
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Whereas the SFSS has worked to improve its Council training system to better support Councilors development in fulfilling their role;
Whereas this training system involves both internally and externally facilitated sessions on
governance, operations, communications, anti-oppression, equity and inclusion, and many other topics;

Whereas the SFSS budgets $20,000 for Council Orientation Retreats, and Development Sessions in line item 814/20;

Whereas it would also be beneficial for the SFSS to have similar development sessions for staff;

Whereas Board Organizer Ella Droko, Operations Organizer Ayesha Khan, and VP Equity and Sustainability Marie Haddad have developed a budget and list of sessions for the year;

Whereas these sessions are expected to cost around $20,000;

Whereas line item 817/31 Staff Development Days is budgeted for $2,500 and would only cover the costs of the first two sessions;

Whereas the Budget approved by Council on June 30, 2021 listed a surplus of $28,445.

Be it resolved that Council increase the line item 817/31 from $2,500 to $20,000 to cover the costs of training sessions for the year.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.4 First Year Engagement Committee Appointment—MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:08
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”

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Whereas the First Year Engagement Committee has one open seat for Councilors;

Be it resolved that Council appoint X to the First Year Engagement Committee.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.5 Member Services Advisory Committee Appointment—MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:09
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”

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Whereas the Member Services Advisory Committee has one open seat for Councilors;

Be it resolved that Council appoint X to the Member Services Advisory Committee.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.6 Accessible Course Practices—MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:10
SUBMITTED BY: Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Councillor “Kashish Mehta”

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Whereas since the pandemic, all professors have had to record lectures for students to accommodate for any time zone differences.

Whereas it has helped all students in terms of accessibility and also reduced a lot of the academic stress.

Whereas the access for all working group has collaborated on letters to SFU and the provincial government to promote accessibility for marginalized groups in the coming semesters.

Whereas our vision for enhanced accessibility by making lecture recordings standard may be met with resistance due to multiple factors.

Be it resolved that DSU representatives in junction with their respective student unions write an
email to their department chairs to ask for information regarding which professors will be recording lectures in the coming terms.

Be it further resolved that DSU’s collaborate with their departments to make lecture recordings standard.

Be it further resolved that DSU’s ensure that professors are not exploited in this process by asking SFU to be in agreement that lecture recordings are never used against their consent.

Be it further resolved that the UAA committee take charge of this initiative by power mapping, contacting the Centre for Accessible Learning and Center of educational Excellence for their support, and helping DSU’s with the process of advocating for this initiative.

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7.7 Support for UniteHere Local 40 Hilton Metrotown Lockout-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:11

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”
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Whereas 97 long-term workers were terminated, 50 if whom live in Burnaby, as a result of their recall protections expiring from the pandemic lasting more than 12 months,

Whereas workers at the hotel have been on the picket line since they were locked out in mid-April,

Whereas the Hilton has threatened the benefits of existing employees if the terminated workers are reinstated,

Whereas the City of Burnaby has passed a motion supporting the locked-out hotel workers by saying it won’t support business at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown,

Whereas B.C. unions have committed to pulling $2,000,000 in business from the hotel for the entire 2022 calendar year,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council commits to standing in solidarity with the workers of the Hilton Metrotown, most of whom are women who are Black, Indigenous and People of Colour,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council supports UniteHere Local 40’s BC’s Unequal Women campaign which supports all women hotel workers in B.C. who are out of work due to the pandemic,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council joins the Mayor of Burnaby, local MLAs, MP O[ces, unions, and community members in endorsing the 2022 pledge to not conduct any business dealings with the Hilton Metrotown for the 2022 calendar year,

Be it further resolved that any further actions to do with this topic and campaign be committed to the External and Community Affairs Committee

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7.8 Protests in Colombia letter-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:12

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”
ATTACHMENTS: 2021 Colombia Protests Resources & Letter to Federal Govt
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Whereas on June 2nd 2021 SFSS Council carried a motion titled “Protests in Colombia,” which struck a Colombian Solidarity Working Group tasked with drafting a statement on the ongoing
protests in Colombia,

Whereas the Colombian Solidarity Working Group has completed drafting the statement regarding the ongoing protests in Colombia,

Be it resolved that Council approves of the drafted letter and signs on to the letter,

Be it further resolved that Councillors who vote in favour of the motion sign on to the letter as individual Councillors and on behalf of their respective departmental student unions, student unions, constituency groups, and student groups,

Be it further resolved that Councillors who vote in favour of the motion distribute the letter to their respective groups and encourage their members to sign onto the letter

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7.9 Student Outreach Working Group-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:13
SUBMITTED BY: World Literature Councillor “Sara Aristizabal”

Whereas SFSS Members are unaware of the purpose and function of the SFSS as advocates for the student body,

Whereas voter turnout for the 2021 SFSS Executive Committee elections was under 5% of SFSS Members,

Whereas the SFSS has recently undergone a significant change in its governance structure Where Council became the legal Board of Directors,

Whereas an introductory video on the SFSS activities would be an effective method of raising awareness,

Be it resolved that Council form the Student Outreach Working Group, consisting of a minimum of five councillors, with the goal of creating the mentioned video for release at the beginning of the Fall semester,

Be it further resolved that a Student Outreach Working Group work in collaboration with the SFSS Communications Department,

Be it further resolved to appoint Sara Aristizabal as Chair of the Student Outreach Working Group, and that the Chair coordinate the Working Group’s membership.

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7.10 Strategic Planning Working Group-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:14
SUBMITTED BY:
Whereas the transition from the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan to the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan begins August 2021

Whereas the Board Organizer is collaborating with Amal Rana, Director of Cambium Arts to organize and schedule the Strategic Plan transition

Whereas SFSS Council has previously approved $3000 of funding to build previous Strategic Plans

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council strike a Strategic Planning Working Group of up to 10
Online via Zoom
Simon Fraser Student Society
Wednesday, July 14th, 2021

councillors, executives and constituency group representatives to build the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan

Be it further resolved that the Strategic Planning Working Group report back to Council with a recommended Strategic Plan to be approved by Council

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8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
8.1 September Plans: Council Member Groups
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”

8.2 Advocating for Accessible Course Practices
SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”

8.3 Council Development Sessions
SUBMITTED BY: SEESS Councillor “Mohammad Al-Sheboul”

9. NOTICE OF MOTION
9.1 Issues policy: course materials -MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:15
SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”
ATTACHMENTS: IP-10: Course Materials

Whereas the SFSS has previously approved a development plan to create more SFSS Issues Policies on a variety of social, economic and political issues,

Whereas SFSS Issues Policies serve to clarify the stance of the society on social, political and economic issues relating to student life and post-secondary education,

Whereas the SFSS currently has nine issues policies on various topics,

Whereas the previous board had partially drafted an Issues Policy on course materials,

Whereas the Vice President University and Academic Affairs and the Associate Vice President University and Academic Affairs have completed drafting the Issues Policy on course materials,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council approve and establish the drafted course materials Issues Policy titled “IP-10: Course Materials” as attached

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10. 30 MINUTES Q&A

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11.1 [For SFSS Members] Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 28th, 2021, 4:30pm - 8:30pm (PST) via Zoom [Bi-weekly]
12. ATTACHMENTS
   12.1 For Consultation - SFSS SUB Opening Plan
   12.2 BN - Staff Training Budget Increase
   12.3 2021 Colombia Protests Resources
   12.4 Letter to Federal Govt
   12.5 IP-10: Course Materials

13. ADJOURNMENT
   13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-07-14:16
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   Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at
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